HARBORS AND RIVERS. On motion of Mr. Dix, the Senate re sumed the consideration of the river and heart, Le sat down. harbor appropriation bill.

Mr. Atchison moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the following clause was stricken out of the bill: "For the improvement of Little For Harbor on Lake Michigan, twelve thou-

sand dollars." Upon this motion a discussion ensued Mr. Webster was in favor of the appro-

priation. Mr. Sevier opposed the motion.

Mr. Davis expressed his views against the appropriation.

Mr. Crittenden spoke in favor of the bill generally. No one was more fully disposed to vote liberally for the purpose of the bill in order to promote all possible security for the lives and safety of those placed at the mercy of the winds and waves on the lakes and on the Atlantic. But he was not disposed to favor the ambition of every rising village on the rivers to obtain appropriations for harbors where harbors were not necessary at all. Was there not a good reason for the separation of such appropriations for little, local, unimportant interests as might lead the Executive to veto the entire bill.

Mr Cass advocated the appropriation in the amendment; arguing for it on the grounds of expediecy and constitutional right. He denied that it was legislating for mere local views. It was the duty of Congress to legislate with a regard to local as well as general interests. He contrasted the importance of harbors on the lakes with the rivers. On the Mississippi, and the great western rivers, every species of craft could land at any point .-But on the lakes, the God of nature had imposed the most formidable difficulties. He himself was once shipwrecked near the town of Cleveland, and saved his life at imminent hazard. He alluded to the commerce of the lakes, and spoke of its has always given the Whigs a large maextent and importance. Last year the jority, has given 9 majority for the Demnumber of vessels of all kinds navigating the lakes was 495, and thirty were build ing. Thirty-six vessels had been driven ashore, twenty total wrecks, and four had ority of over 200. Every thing has foundered.

in reply, by Messrs. Sevier and Atchison, plete. Mr. Breese spoke in favor of the appro priation. He replied in an energetic and able manner to the assertion that they should not make harbors where nature had not intended harbors to be made .-That was the very reason why the brought in art to the aid of nature. H described the incalculable advantages of these appropriations in their reaction on It is a new precinct, and polled 13 votes, the public treasury. He pointed to Chica- every one of which was Democratic go and Milwaukie as examples of the extraordinary progress of trade and commerce in consequence of these appropriations. The revenue was thus largely in the neighborhood of the points where these harbors were constructed.

After some further remarks by Messrs. Haywood and Semple, the question was

YEAS--Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchi son, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John erage rate of agricultural labor, for able M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dicknagin, Johnson of Maryland, Johnson of this he is to pay his cottage rent and sup. Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Speight, bridge-32.

NAXS- Messis. Archer, Atherson, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Chalmers, Davis, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Huntington, Mangum, Niles, Pennyback er, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, and Yulee the former, wages are 66 cents per week,

So the vote was reconsidered. The question was then taken on concurring with the committee on commerce, in their amendment striking out the clause negative.

So the amendment was not concurred

The Senate proceeded to the consider-Penn," so as to read, "For repairing the piers in Fort Penn, &c, which was disa

The next amendment reported by the committee is as follows, viz:

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in all works provided for by this act, in which the war department shall deem it neccessary, there shall be a survey or reexamination, and no expenditure shall be made without the approbation of the War Department.

Mr. Dix explained the object of the a

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, opposed it

Mr Wescott moved to strike out the words 'war department' in the second and fifth lines: upon which motion.

to-morrow; which was agreed to.

Mr. O'CONNELL .-- The London papers have told us repeatedly, of late that the man were rapidly and suddenly falling; and their reports are confirmed by a London correspondent of the New York Observer, who, describing a public meeting,

"The cause of all this tumultuous noise was the entrance of an old man muffled up in a great coat and wearing a large crown wig, who appeared enfeebled and broken by aga, and slowly made his way to the platform through the dense concourse who divided to let him pass. It was Daniel O'Connell! The few hisses

stant, were the signal for new and if possible, still louder and more vehement outbursts, which lasted till the tottering old man reached the platform, and after bow ing respectfully, with his hand on hi

"As soon as the cheering had sufficientsubsided, he commenced speaking; th stillness was perfect. What a change since I last saw him in Exeter Hall! His form, then erect, now bent together; his used to fill every corner of that hall, now monotonous and grave, and withal so low that, though seated on the platform, I was unable to catch more than half that he said; his action, formerly full of energy, elacticity and grace-gone. This great change has come over him suddenly and work. rapidly. His day is gone by. Ireland must seek another champion.

## JOLIET SIGNAL.

JOLIET, ILL. Tuesday, August 4, 1846.

THE ELECTION is over, and victory has a gain perched on the banner of Democracy Every effort of our opponents has been expended to defeat so gratifying a result; but so far as the news we have received will enable us to judge, the Democratic majority in this county will prove to be at least 400. We have heard from sev eral precincts-not so as to give exac results-but so as to satisfy us so far as concerns the general result. Hickory Creek precinct has given over 20 Democratic majority. Planfield, Willmington. Van Buren, Jackson's Gove, Romeo and Lockport have all done well, and given democratic majorities-how large we are not sufficiently advised to state with certainty. Forked Creek precinct, which ocrats. Joliet, and West Joliet Precincts have, together, given a Democratic ma-After a few remarks in explanation and of the Democratic cause seems to be com-

More News.

Hurrah for Dallas and Round Grove. The Democratic majority over the Whigs in Round Grove Precinct is 32: Democrats 38-Whigs 6-Abolition 10 But Dallas, so far, is the banner precinct throughout.

AGRICULTURAL WAGES.

It has been almost constantly urged by augmented from the sale of public lands the whigs, that free trade will reduce the price of labor, and thus bear heavily upon the poor man. Let us see how wages about forty years of age, and has no relare in those countries where the protective taken by yeas and nays, and resulted as policy has been studiously enforced. England, for centuries, has attempted to sustain the latter system, and there the avbodied men, as shown by the Commissioninson, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jar- er of Patents, is \$1 93 per week. With port himself and family. In France, the Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, and Wood. tariff is highly prohibitive, and wages there are \$1 04 per week. Prussia and most of Germany belong to the German Customs Union, which has established a very high protective tariff. In and in Germany, \$1 02 per week. High duties are levied in Austria, and wages there are \$1 15 per week. In Belgium, where some articles are protected by high under consideration, and decided in the duties, labor is \$1 20 per week. In Russia a great variety of articles are prohibited by a tariff, and there field labor is performed by slaves belonging to their ation of the amendment by the committee, | master's estates, where they are hired out altering the clause "For improving Fort for from \$5 to \$15 per year. Spain has almost protected herself out of existence, and their field laborers get from 20 to 30 cents per day. If the operation of a high nance, in the Senate, for an essential tive, the authority to give the notice for tariff is to raise the price of labor, it should | modification, by a vote of 28 to 27. This | the abrogation of the Convention of 1827, long ere this have elevated the laboring classes in the countries above named.

Sowing Wheat Early.

Immense damage has been sustained this season, through this section of the country, by farmers who had sown their wheat late, on account of rust. The only way this blight can be avoided, is, to sow early,(sayin this month,) which, if farmers will do, they may make some certain reliance on receiving next harvest an ample Mr Lewis moved that the further con- return for their labor and expense. Rust sideration of the bill be postponed until and frost are the two worst enemies that farmers have heretofore had to contend with; and both of these can be mostly avoided by sowing early. We have had physical energies of this venerable old some experience in this matter ourselves, without amendment, and asked to be dis. cations as they may upon full deliberation and are therefore enabled to speak with charged from the instructions reported deem proper, I shall conform my action to some degree of certainty respecting the benefits to be derived from early sowing the benefits to be derived from early sowing benefits to be derived from early sowing. the committee would give some reason ity, to give such advec, or to express an If farmers would adopt the plan of sowing for making such request. Mr. Nevins opinion on the subject. I shall consider it early, there would be no more complaint replied that one reason was a want of my duty to reject the offer. about poor crops.

that Mr. Graham, proprietor of the Phil- tions had avowed that the purposes were don, under date of the 28th of April last, adelphia North American, has been ar to defeat the bill, and, if it was to be kill. directing him in accordance with the joint OFA Malta paper states that Mr. Jas rested by the Sergeant at Arms of the ed, let the Senate kill it, and not impose resolution of Congress, "Concerning the Richardson' the African explorer, has re-

For the Oregon Territory.

We see it stated that the U. S. store ship Lexington, was to leave N. Y. a short time since, for the Columbia river. She was to carry out Capt. Tompkins and a leave the decision and the responsibility company of the Flying Artillery, numbering about ninety men, with their six guns. She was also to carry out 20 guns of a large size, 4 mortars, a large quantity of the committee, was agreed to Ayes 28, voice, whose lively, rich and varied tones arms, amunition, and materials of every kind necessary for the building and defence of a fortification, which will probably be erected at the mouth of the Columbia river. An engineer also accompanies the expedition to superintend the

THE HARBOR BILL PASSED .-- The Har bor and River bill, as it came from the House of Representatives, has passed the Senate, without amendment, by a vote of 34 to 16 and now only needs the approval of the Executive to become a law. This must be gratifying intelligence to all who are in favor of the improvement of our barbors and rivers. This bill received much opposition, and it was only by the most laborious exertions that its friends procured its passage through the House and Senate. The Representative from this District, destinguished himself by his ef forts in support of this bill, and the election which just passed shows that the people appreciate his services.

THE EMPIRE STATE .- The great State of New York well deserves this title .-The census which has recently been taken, by the authority of the State govern. ment, shows a population approaching to three millions of souls. The total population is 2,604,495; and of this, 1,311,362 are males; 2,295,153, females; 228,292, subject to military duty, and 539,379 voters. There are 3,822 churches in the State, and 10,708 common schools. Inns and taverns, 5,813; wholesale stores, 2, gone offremarkably well, and the triumph | 540; retail stores, 12,258; farmers and agriculturists, 253,292; merchants, 20,-758; manufacturers, 13.088; mechanics 125,001; lawyers, 3,549, doctors, 4,610; clergymen, 4,399.

SUICIDE.—A most destressing case of self-destruction occurred on the 2d inst. at Lockport, in this county. A man named Salmon Treadway, terminated his existof a barn, where he was found after life had become extinct. A coroner's inquest was held over the body, which decided that he came to his death by his own hands. The deceased was apparrently judgment, it may be proper to take in refatives living in this part of the country .-No cause can be given that induced him to the commission of this rash act. It is said that his relatives residein Jefferson County, N.Y.

McNulty, late Clerk of the House of Representatives, at Washington, whose enlistment we noticed a short time since, died in the army on the 16th inst.

Mr. McLane, our Minister to England, will return home as soon as his successor can be appointed.

The New Orleans Delta says the Pacific squadron sailed from Maztalan on the 16th day of May, for the purpose of taking possession of San Francisco and Monte-

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS .- The 2d regment of infantry, stationed on the frontier, has been ordered by the War De. partment to repair immediately to Point

THE TARIFF BILL PASSED THE SENATE!

WASHINTON, Monday, July 27. result was brought about by the resigna- the Senate acted publicly so large a part tion of Senator Haywood, of North Carolina. The following is the resolution of reference, offered by J. M. Clayton:

Resolved, That this bill be now cominstructions so to amend it, that the duty cult of adjustment. For these reasons, to provide additional revenue for the sup-

port of the government. This resolution was carried by the following vote-Yeas 28, Navs 27.

The Senate was full except the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. expressed remain unchanged.

Tuesday, July 28. IN THE SENATE .- The committee on financies reported back the Tariff Bill proposition, or advise it upon such modifitime to make a new bill, and that the committee could not agree as to their tract from a dispatch of the Secretary of The Buffalo Courier and Pilot, says meaning, and the mover of the instruc. State to the Minister of the U. S. at Lon-

defined his position. It was evident that mitted to him for that purpose, together no amendment could be effected, and he with extracts from a dispatch of that Minion was, however, to refrain from voting in the engressment of the bill, and to with the Vice President.

The bill was further debated by J. M Clayton, Webster, McDuffie, and Simmons, when the motion to discharge Noes 27. Mr Webster renewed his motion of vesterday, to strike out the 9th section. Ayes 28, Noes 26. So Mr Web. ster's proposition was agreed to. Mr. Jarnigan did not vote. The vote on engrossing the bill was then taken, it stood 27 to 27, Jarnigan still absent. The Vice President then gave reasons for the vote he was about to give.

The responsibility was great and he felt it deeply, but whatever might be the consequences, the responsibility must be house with an amendment which will be concurred in at once. The question being on the passage of the bill, Mr. Niles moved to postpone it to the 1st Monday in December; after remarks by him, Cameron and others, the motion was negatived. negative. After further debate by Messrs. Davis, Huntington, J. M. Clayton and others, the bill was read a third time and passed.

Yeas-Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnigan, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee. 28.

Nays - Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, J. M. Clayton, T. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Green, Huntington, Johnson of Md, Johnson of Lou., Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pierce, Phelps, Simmoms, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge

The Senate then adjourned.

## THE OREGON TREATY

[June 10th, 1816-read ]

To the Senate of the United States: I lay before the Senate a proposal in the form of a convention, presented to the Secretary of State on the 6th inst., by the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister ance by hanging himself from the beam Plenipotentiary of her Britanic Majesty, for the adjustment of the Oregon Question, together with the protocol of this proceeding. I submit this proposal to the consideration of the Senate, and request their advice as to the action, which in their

In the early periods of the Government, the opinion and advice of the Senate were often taken in advance upon important questions of our foreign policy. General Washington repeatedly consulted the Senate and asked their previous advice, to which he always conformed his action. This practice though rarely resorted to in later times, was, in my judgment, eminently wise, and may, on occasions of great importance, be properly revived .-The Senate are a branch of the treatymaking power, and by consulting them in advance of his own action, upon important measures of foreign policy, which may ultimately come before them for consideration, the Presidennt secures harmony of action between that body and himself .-The Senate are moreover a branch of the war-making power, and it may be eminently proper for the Executive to take the opinion and advice of that body in advance upon any great question which may involve in its decision the issue of peace or war. On the present occasion the magnitude of the subject would induce me under any circumstances, to desire the previous advice of the Senate, and that desire is increased by the recent debates and proceeings in Congress, which render it in my judgment, not only necessary and proper, if not indespensable to insure har-In Senate. - M'Kay's tariff bill was | monious action between that body and the on Monday sent to the committee of fi- Executive. In conferring on the executhat the decision on the proposal now made by the British Government, without a definite knowledge of the views of that body in reference to it, might render the mitted to the committee on finance, with question still more complicated and diffion no raw material imported, shall be invite the consideration of the Senate to shigher than that charged on the fabric the proposal of the British Government manufactured therefrom, and also, so as for the settlement of the Oregon question,

and ask their advice on the question. My opinions and my action on the Or egon question were fully made known to Congress in my annual message of the if possible. 2d December last, and the opinions threin

Should the Senate, by the constitution al majority required for the ratification of treaties, advise the acceptance of this

I also communicate herewith an ex-1827; and also a copy of the notice trans. of 1,900 miles, one-fifth of it on foot.

ould obey his instructions. His inten- lister to the Secretary of State, bearing late the 18th May last AMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, June 10, 1846 PROTOCOL. onvention between the United States of of the United Kingdom of Great Brit-

ain and Ireland, concluded at Wash- above Matamoros. ington, the 15th of June, 1846. June 16, 1846-Read a first time.

or the use of the Senate. Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom | the army from disturbing the citizens of of Great Britain and Ireland, deeming it Matamoros. The Mexican authorities to be desirable for the future welfare of are urged to more attention in keeping the both countries, that the state of doubt and citizens in order and dispersing them when met, and he felt sure that a majority of uncertainty which has hitherto prevailed engaged in riotous proceeding. Some of Tariff. He then gave the casting vote in ment of the territory on the north-west ment of the territory on the north-west favor of the bill. So the bill goes to the coast of America, lying westward of the Rocky or Stony Mountains, should be finally terminated by an amicable compromise of the rights mutually asserted by the two parties over said territory, have respectively named plenipotentiaries to treat and agree concerning the terms of such Yeas 27. Nays 28, Jarnigan voted in the settlement; that is to say, the President of the United States of America, has on his part furnished with full powers, James Buchanan, Secretary of State of the United States, and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the camps. Ireland, has on her part appointed the Right Honorable Richard Pakenham, a member of her Majesty's Privy Council, and her Majesty's Envey Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, who, after having communicated to each other, their respective full powers, framed in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 .- "From the point on the 49th parallel of north latitude, where the boundary laid down in existing treaties and conventions between Great Britain and the United States terminates, the line of boundary between the territories of her is exaggerated. The papers appear to be Britanic Majesty and those of the United fully apprised, too, of his ultimate design Message from the President of the United States, shall be continued westward along upon Monterey and Satillo. States, communicating a proposition on the 49th parallel of north latitude, to the A report had reached Vera Cruz that the part of the British Government, middle of the channel which separates the the Californians had separated themselves for the adjustment of the Oregon Ques. continent from Vancouver's Island, and from Mexico, but nothing is said to let us thence southerly, through the middle of know whether Commodore Sloat had anysaid channel, and of Fuca Straits, to the thing to do with the seperation. The sub-Pacific Ocean:-Provided, however, that ject is mentioned by our Havana corresthe navigation of the said channel and pondent. straits, south of the 49th parallel of north latitude, remain free and open to both par-

> ARTICLE 2 .- "From the point at which the 49th parallel of north latitude shall be found to intersect the great northern branch of the Columbia river, the navigation of the said branch shall be free and open to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to all British subjects trading with the same, to the point where the said branch meets the main stream of the Columbia, and thence down the said main stream to the ocean, with free access into and through the said river or rivers. It being understood that all the usual portages along the line thus described, shall in like manner be free and open. In navigating the said river or rivers, British subjects, with their goods and produce shall be treated on the same footing as citizens of the United States: it being, however, always understood that nothing in this article shall be construed as preventing or intended to prevent, the Government of the United States from making any regulations respecting the navigation of the said river or rivers, not inconsistent with the present treaty."

> ARTICLE 3 .- In the future appropria tions of the territory south of the 49th parallel of north latitude, as provided in the first article of this treaty, the possessory rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, and of all British subjects who may be already in the occupation of land or other property lawfully acquired within the said territory, shall be respected.

ARTICLE 4 .- The farms, lands, and other property of every description, belonging to the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company, on the north side of the Columbia river, shall be confirmed to the said Company. In case, however, the situation of those farms and lands should be considered by the United States to be of public and political importance, and the United States Government should signify a desire to obtain possession of the whole or any part thereof, the property so required shall be transferred to the said Government at a proper valuation to be agreed upon between the parties.

ARTICLE 5 .- The present treaty shall be ratified by the President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by her Britanic Majesty; and the ratification shall be exchanged at London, at the expiration of

their arms.

Done at Washington, the fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six. JAMES BUCHANAN.

RICHARD PAKENHAM. The Washington Union says that

the Independence, bearing the penant of Commodore Shubrick, will sail from Boston for the Pacific on or before the 9th of August. The Independence has a new armament and has been put in thorough repairs shads an aller sen

was Daniel O'Connell! The few hisses which were heard here and there when the cheering partially subsided for an in-

From the St Louis Republican. Late from Mexico!

The steam ship James L. Day, arrived at New Orleans on Saturday night from Brazos Santiago, whence she sailed on the 15th. The news is four days later, and of considerable interest.

The troops were being sent forward as fast as the means of transportation and America and Her Majesty, the Queen the high waters would allow. The Louis and volunteers were being concentrated

An article in the American Flag, of the 10th inst informs us that broils occasional-June 17, 1846-Read a second time ly break out amongst the volunteers and nd ordered to be printed in confidence, Mexicans, resulting in death. That paper states that Gen. Taylor uses every The United States of America, and her exertion to prevent persons attached to Canales' men are supposed to be lurking about Matamoros for purposes of ra-

A young American soldier was found pear the office of the American Flag, on the 9the inst., with his throat dreadfully cut, and his heart pierced with several dagger wounds. The murderer has not been discovered.

The weather, together with the inactivity of the troops has caused considerable sickness among them. I learn there are several hundred in hospital at Matamoros. and the measles has broken out in one of

Curiosity runs high to know the object of a visit of two British naval officers to General Taylor who arrived here in a vessel of war from Tampico. Communication being cut off, they sent their despatches by mail to their Consuls at Matamoros, to be laid by him before the Consul General.

Appearances indicate a move of the army into the interior as soon as the waters

The movement of General Taylor's troops towards Reynosa and Camargo is duly chronicled, though the number that had actually taken up their line of march

A large quantity of amunition has been sent to the city of Mexico from the castle of Perote, together with some mounted cannon and muskets.

The papers are full of individual tenders of money to aid in carrying on the war. The Mexican Government has declared the ports of Mazatalan and Matamoros closed to foreign commerce.

A committee of the Mexican Congress reported a plan for obtaining recources for carrying on the war, but this was deemed so inefficient as to cause the subject to be again referred to them.

A bill had also been reported in which, after setting forth the causes of war against the United States, as exhibited in her conduct towards Mexico, it is proposed to

"Ist. The Mexican nation, in the exercise of its natural defence, is actually in a state of war with the United States of

2d. In consequence thereof, the government will employ all its resources and powers to render the war effectual in the reparation of the injury done to the Mexican nation: it will complete the bodies of permanent militia, and levy new forces at once to the extent it shall deem necessary, both to fill up the bodies at present on foot, and to create others of the same description; and if it shall need other spe-

cial powers, congress will confer them.' Advices have been received from Durango, giving an account of an action between a body of Mexicans and a band of savages, in which the Mexicans were utterly defeated, with the loss of their commander and others, left dead on the field.

This occurred early in June. Both departments of Chibuahua and Durango are suffering from the ravages of the Camanches and Lipans. Their outrages are partially attributed to the intrigues of the North Americans, some of whom have been seen with the Indians.

From Havana-Interesting.

A correspondent of the Picayune, wriing from Havana, on the 10th, ult., says: Private letters from Mexico state, that as soon as the President leaves the city there will be a revolution against him, but what the troubled waters will cast up no one knows, perhaps a triumvirate. Santa Anna, Rincon, and any body else. Sonora and North California have declared themselves dissolved from the Mexican six months from the date hereof, or sooner Union, and have called a Congress to prepare a constitution, and negotiate with In witness whereof, the respective some foreign power to guarantee the Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, stability of the State. It is said that they and have affixed thereunto the seals of will form a republic, and place themselves under the protection of the American Union, in preference to any other power .--Now is the time for Mr. Polk to act. A good agent is wanted there immediately,

The fleet at Vera Cruz, it is said, would attack the Castle on the 10th inst. -to day,-and it is whispered that it may be given up without a struggle. The St. Mary's continued the blockade of Tampico, and it is said that an express arrived on the 29th ult. at Vera Cruz, announcing that the American troops were at Allamira, one day's march from Tampico. Col. Blanco commanding there writes to a friend here as follows: "The Yankees are coming and I have no soldiers, but you need not fear me. I have provided

two good horses." Santa Anna and Almonte continue